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SUMMARY.

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There was a tremendous bombardment of Port Arthur by land and sea on Saturday.

Cifu reports, which have not been confirmed, state that the Japanese were repulsed.

The Russian crews of the North, which took part in the battle of the 18th inst., are at Kara-kou on the Siberian coast.

The Diana, which also took part in the battle, is at Saigon, French Indo-China.

The Arklow and Grosvenor will be allowed to remain at Shanghai until the 1st inst., when they may either quit or return.

Two thousand Russians are interned at Kia-chau.

The Germans have sent 100 men 15 miles east of Kia-chau to prevent the Japanese from landing at that point.

Admiral Wilton, who was blown to pieces in the Ctesiphon, signalled, "Remember the Emperor's order not to return to Port Arthur."

Liao-yang advises that the objective of the Chinese is to make Mukden.

The Japanese occupied An-shan-chan, an important strategical position 27 miles south of Liao-yang.

The Russians retreated towards Mukden.

Many Japanese are reported to be along the Chinese railway between Min-min-tien and the city of Mukden.

There are numerous reports of Chia-chau killing Chia-chau and devastating their villages.

The Liverpool Shippers' Association urges an immediate settlement of the contraband question, and also urges the Government to protect the British flag.

Count Cassini says that the Chinese's scheme to annex Kiang-si and Kiang-su has gone to wreck, and the Chinese question is open to all eventualities.

An epidemic of milk poisoning, attributed to the use of deleterious preservatives, is reported.

The "Times" says that if the Labour party's policy, if carried to its logical conclusion, would imperil the peace and prosperity of Australia.

In an address to the electors of the Compton constituency Mr. Reid says that the three-party system is destructive of Parliamentary government.

He emphasizes the necessity for the restoration of sound government, and the re-gumption of visionary schemes.

In an address to another constituency Mr. Reid says that Mr. Deakin will rescue Australian politics from the grasp of a minority.

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THE WAR.

ASSAULTS ON PORT ARTHUR.

ENORMOUS LOSSES.

REPORTED JAPANESE REPULSE.

TWO RUSSIAN CRUISERS ESCAPE.

ADVANCE ON MUKDEN.

THE RUSSIANS RETREATING.

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There are reports from Chifu, as yet unconfirmed, that the Japanese were repelled.

TERMS OF SURRENDER.

GENERAL STOESSEL FURIOUS.

LONDON, Aug. 19. Major Yamakawa, the Japanese officer sent to demand the surrender of Port Arthur, met under a flag of truce General Heppen, the chief of staff to General Stoessel, the Commandant of the Port Arthur fortress on Tuesday, the 16th inst., 800 metres (545 yards) to the north of Shui-shih-ying (Shui-shih-ying).

The offer to remove all non-combatants from Port Arthur included women, children under 10 years of age, priests, diplomats, and officers of neutral powers, all of whom were to be conveyed to Dalmay, where their baggage would be examined.

The terms of surrender included the handing over of all the Russian warships in the harbour.

It is reported that when he heard the demands of General Stoessel, he turned pale and uttered a short prayer.

The Commandant of the fortress refused to accept the demand, but General Stoessel, the German Emperor's representative, is exceedingly improbable that it would have been selected by the Russian general as the best basis for negotiations.

Major Yamakawa communicated to General Stoessel the request of the German Emperor that Japan should allow two German attachés to leave Port Arthur.

Shui-shih-ying (Marine Camp) is situated four miles to the north of the mouth of the harbour.

CAMPAIGN IN MANCHURIA.

JAPANESE AIM AT MUKDEN.

LONDON, Aug. 20. Advices from Liao-ying, at present the English headquarters in Manchuria, state the objective of the Japanese is now Mukden, 43 miles to the north.

There are numerous reports of Chundus (bandits) killing Russians. In tribute the Russians are killing Chundus and devastating their villages.

Many Japanese troops are reported to be along the Chinese railway towards Jin-ming-tung, 40 miles west of Mukden.

Aug. 21. The Japanese occupied An-shan-chuan, an important strategical position, 25 miles south of Liao-ying, on the 19th instant (Friday).

The Russians retreated towards Mukden.

RUSSIAN WARSHIPS ESCAPE.

NOVIK AND DIANA.

LONDON, Aug. 21. A telegram from Mukden reports that the Russian cruiser Novik, which took part in the battle on August 10, has arrived at Karkovsk, on the south coast of the island of Sakhalin, Russia's possession, off the Siberian coast, and that the cruiser Diana, which also took part in that battle, has arrived at Saigon, French Indo-China.

RUSSIANS IN REFUGE.

SHANGHAI'S TAO-TAI'S DEMAND.

QUIT OR DISARM.

LONDON, Aug. 19. The Two-tai of Shanghai will allow the Russian cruiser Askold and the torpedo-boat destroyer Grozovoi to remain in the port until the 23rd inst., when they will be given a day's notice to quit or disarm.

Chinese warships are quiet at Shanghai.

One thousand Russians are interned at Kiao-chau.

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The Tao-tai of Shanghai at noon yesterday ordered the Grozovoi to leave within 24 hours, and the Askold to complete repairs within 48, and afterwards to depart in 24 hours. The alternative in each case is to disperse.

Japan intimated that unless China was prepared to do so Japan would enforce the decision.

ADMIRAL WITHOEFT'S LAST SIGNAL.

LONDON, Aug. 19. The last signal of Rear-Admiral Witheoef, who was blown to pieces by a shell whilst on the bridge of the Russian battleship Cesarevitch, was: "Remember the Emperor's order not to return to Port Arthur."

RUSSIAN GUNBOAT BLOWN UP.

A Russian armoured gunboat of the Otavij type struck a mine and sank off the Liao-ying Promontory, Port Arthur.

[The Olyavij class of Russian armoured gunboats, built in 1885, have a length overall of 100 ft., a beam of 18 ft., and a speed of 10 knots per hour, and are fitted with two torpedoes.]

NEUTRALITY OF CHINA.

RUSSIA ALLEGES ITS BREAKDOWN.

LONDON, Aug. 20. Count Cassini, the Russian Ambassador at Washington, in the course of an interview, stated that the grand scheme of Mr. John Hay, the United States Secretary of State, to ensure the neutrality of China had gone to wreck, and the Chinese question was now open to all eventualities.

GERMAN INTERFERENCE.

LONDON, Aug. 20. The German authorities have sent 100 men 35 miles east of Kiao-chau to prevent

the Japanese erecting a wireless telegraph station.

COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

"The Russians in full retreat" may well be applied to the latest information in regard to the land campaign. Nothing but the utmost extremity could persuade General Kuropatkin to break the heart of the Port Arthur garrison by retreating from the region Liao-ying while Stoessel still holds his fort. The suggestion of An-shan-chuan is the Japanese means that the Russians have lost one of the strongest positions in Southern Manchuria. The brilliancy of the Japanese tactics has apparently compelled Kuropatkin to abandon the stronghold, perhaps offering a strong rear-guard opposition only. The Japanese have suggested that he will not yield without effect. The Russians right is threatened by the advance of the enemy towards Hain-min-teing. Added to pressure from the front, there is also the imminent danger of General Kuroki either driving his Russian left, or even cutting the Russian rear. The occupation of An-shan-chuan, which is 15 miles west of Hui-cheng, and about 22 miles south of Liao-ying, was expected. It marks, however, such important progress in the advance that the impossible nature of General Kuropatkin's task is emphasized. He is at present the victim of adverse fate. The Russians now seem to have resolved to make the most of their opportunity. They divided the winter into three periods, with them, say, certainly being successful. Finally, Kuropatkin has to find consolation in such dreams. To-day the plight of the Russians reaches to humiliation—a race to gain Mukden, Tie-ling, or Kai-yuen; while the desolated islands keep them on the run. The Colossus just now seems all legs.

CONTRABAND OF WAR.

SETTLEMENT IMPERATIVE.

LONDON, Aug. 20. The Liverpool Steamship Owners' Association has passed strong resolutions stating an immediate and satisfactory settlement of what constitutes contraband is imperative. The association has urged the Government to protect the British flag.

THE BUTTER MARKET.

DETERIORATION OF AUSTRALIAN EXPORTS.

LONDON, Aug. 20. W. Weddel and Co., in their annual review of the butter market, state that the serious deterioration of the quality of Australian butter is chiefly due to the imprudent use of the private separators and to other unscientific methods.

The quality of New Zealand butter, the review continues, is even superior to that of the previous year. Butter from this colony is gaining in favour steadily, and is now regarded as more satisfactory than ever before.

TRAMPLED ON INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITIES.

Under the guise of a noble desire for "industrial peace" we are beginning to suspect the existence of a gigantic conspiracy to hold down the prices of our labour and to injure the interests of our workers and to injure the interests of our fellow Australians in political matters. The great reformers of Australia have had a considerable influence in some of the Victorian trades, and say that they are not disposed to support any further legislation to benefit the country. At least they say so now, but it looks as though Sir William Lyne is to be believed, they are not going to be dragged into the trial of the protectionist chariot. They will, I doubt, be able to show that the protective operation is achieved solely of some whom will have nothing to do with Sir William Lyne's ideas of construction, especially when such conditions can be depended upon.

THE MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

Mr. McCay, the Minister for Defence, had an enthusiastic reception from his constituents at Castlemaine on Saturday.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

LONDON, Aug. 20. Negotiations are in progress for the conclusion of an arbitration treaty on matters of a judicial character between Great Britain and Austria. The negotiations are the result of King Edward's visit to Vienna last year and the return visit of the Emperor-King Francis Joseph to King Edward at Marienbad a few days ago.

NEW HUDDART-PARKER STEAMER.

LONDON, Aug. 19. The steamer Wilmer, which is being built for the Huddart, Parker and Company Proprietary, Limited, was launched at Greenwich on Friday.

There are reasons why the Japanese would not object to a decided battle at Mukden. It is in the middle of a great alluvial plain, about 3000 ft. above the level of the sea. There are many new houses of elaborate construction, and before the war the population was 100,000. The Chinese, here, are estimated the ancient tomb of the royal ancestors of the Manchu. In China's neutrality proclamation there is a special reference to the tombs. The Russian military station is outside the town, and completely commands it. The railway is some distance from the town, and the Japanese are not likely to be able to avoid it. The strategists involved, behind the Russian army will be the only ones commanding the Central Chinese Railway. The Japanese have three distinct modes of communication with the coast, via, first, the Central Siberian Railway to the Liao-ting peninsula and Niu-chwang; secondly, the railway along the western shores of the Gulf of Liao-ting, which is 200 miles long, and, last, but not least, the Liao River, which is navigable all the way from Niu-chwang to within a few miles of Mukden. The two railways are connected by a branch line through Niu-chwang itself, so that for a sea power Mukden is an almost ideal place for rapid communication.

MILK POISONING.

DELETERIOUS PRESERVATIVES.

LONDON, Aug. 20. An epidemic of milk poisoning is raging at Bristol. Hundreds of infants are affected. Five of the patients have died.

The outbreak is attributed to the use of deleterious preservatives in milk.

THE WHEAT MARKET.

INTENSE EXCITEMENT.

ENORMOUS TRANSACTIONS.

LONDON, Aug. 20. The Canadian Minister for Agriculture, Mr. S. A. Fisher, states that the reported damage by rust to crops in the North-West is entirely untrue. Wheat-cutting has commenced in Manitoba, and there are prospects of a splendid crop.

INTENSE EXCITEMENT PREVAILLED.

LONDON, Aug. 19. The American markets owing to further speculative reports. There were enormous transactions in Chicago and New York, operators struggling to buy, while dealers were panic-stricken. Wheat for September delivery closed at 10d 14s (about 9d) per bushel. Speculative syndicates formed all over the country made enormous profits.

G. H. REID.

August 19. We add a powerful address to the people of Tasmania and Western Australia, I much regret that no representative of either State is included in the new Ministry. Yet you may as well as any that state of things continues to prevail in the Government, and I offer my services in that capacity to all the members of class. Your Excellency, irrespective of party differences, will be capable of propelling us forward policy, but not on roads leading to socialistic and anarchistic extremes. We wish to see a national industrial and patriotic party arise. With us the term "labour" and the term "worker" have a broad and general meaning, and not the designation of a class or a section, but the designation of a whole community. They do not represent to me more than exclusion, of undue influence of class, and the like.

REPRESSION OF VISIONARY SCHEMES.

No one has a stronger hold in the public mind than I have. But I see clearly the importance of fiscal peace and preferential trade. The Japanese are to be held responsible for the introduction of excessive protective duties by a Ministry possessing the confidence of a majority of the representatives of the people. The House of Commons, in its judgment of the conduct of the Government, which seeks to assert political domination in order to trample under foot not only political equality, but far more, individual equality, we must be guided by the principles of justice and equity.

THE THEATRE.

Mr. Ansell, widow of Palham-street, has written to her barrister, Mr. Deakin, to advise him to sue for damages for the loss of her husband.

WHITE LABOUR FOR SUGAR MILLS.

Brisbane, Sunday, Aug. 20. Mr. Maxwell signed yesterday that all the white labour required for the sugar mills available. There was something of an over-supply in the Bundaberg district, as in various parts, waiting about in some employ-

QUEENSLAND.

WHITE LABOUR FOR SUGAR MILLS.

In consequence of the opening of the State coal mines, one-third of the miners at the Brumana and Tynedale mines have been dismissed.

NEW ZEALAND.

NATIONALISATION OF COAL MINES.

WELLINGTON, Saturday, Aug. 20. The schooner Isabella Anderson, bound from Kaiapora to Dunedin, has been wrecked off the coast of New Zealand.

SHIPPING DISASTERS.

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THE PLAGUE.

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GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, Aug. 19. Adolf Beck, who was wrongfully convicted of defrauding women of jewellery, but was recently pardoned, has asked the Treasury to reconsider his offer of £2000 compensation. Many of the newspapers declare that the sum offered is inadequate, and demand an inquiry.

G. H. REID.

August 20. Dear Sirs, Between myself and my wife there has been a difference of opinion as to whether we should or should not leave the country. We have been advised by our faithful servant,

GRATITUDE TO EAST SYDNEY.

To THE ELECTORS OF EAST SYDNEY.

Ladies and Gentlemen—I find it impossible to express the sense of gratitude with which I am assuring you of my profoundest thanks for your kind words.

N.W. Mont de Pietà Co., Ltd., 74 Castlereagh-street, Pitt Street, Sydney, have made a grant of £1000 towards the cost of the new building.

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FARM AND STATION.

UNSATISFACTORY POSITION OF NEW SOUTH WALES BUTTER.

ALARMING REPORTS FROM LONDON.

BEST reports from London concerning the position of Australian butter, and the quality of the article exported during the recent flush season, must be alarming to producers here according to a cable, Weddell's Review does not offer a few brands our own manufacturers will do the same. The following is a report from our London correspondent, which states that a lot of New South Wales butter had been sent to New Zealand but was selling easily at the same rate as that paid by any other hand.

Some time ago tenders were called for the construction of the channel, but none was accepted by Mr. O'Sullivan, owing to certain conditions having been more extended than the promoters had originally intended for the tritration of a large area of country by means of the waters of the Murrumbidgee River. After a long delay Mr. Bennett, proposes to leave for his successors a minute, stating that inasmuch as the question of compensation has not yet been settled, he will not go. He also states that it was impossible for him to maintain a reputation for his butter on the export market with the produce that was being despatched. It is true that a few consignments were first class, but the quotations for the choicer were always about 10 per cent. below normal, and usual. By some it is said that the English Government has agreed to do something to help the farmers, but that the cost of the proposed scheme would be so great that it would be difficult to get the Minister for Agriculture just now to accept it.

The presence of the good consignments, and the fact that for choice we were often nearly level with our neighbours, has been the only encouraging intelligence in the reports. In this connection it also gives direct contradiction to the unreasoning opponents of the New Zealand State system, who pretend that New Zealand's success is due entirely to her superior climate. It is not pleasant that reports and comments concerning the unsatisfactory quality of the exports of butter to the butter-shipping countries published in the papers, have given rise to a general alarm among the public.

EARLY DAYS IN A WHEAT COUNTRY.

DECIDING THE AGE OF HEIFERS.

THE TOOTH TEST.

A Campbelltown correspondent writes:—A new method of determining the age of cattle has been devised by Mr. J. H. Lance, the wheat-growing virtuous of Butcher's Hill, Victoria. The test is to pierce the ear with a sharp-pointed needle, and then to draw the blood from the vein, and make the surface fit for the plough. After the evening meal they went out and attended to the flocks, so that the animals were not exposed to the sun.

Mr. Lance's invention is the result of much hard work, and the advantage of the factor system was manifested. Last season, however, New South Wales butter in London came out at some 40 per cent. of first quality, while that from New Zealand made up 90 per cent. of first quality. Shorty put this means that possibly the butter would be better.

New Zealand did when New South Wales beat the cold colony in the London market. New Zealand aimed not at the improvement of her best butter, but at raising the standard of the whole output of the factories, and from being third in the competition, is now easily first among the Australian States and colonies sending butter to London.

When we read articles and hear speeches warning the dairy farmers not to allow this State to follow in the footsteps of New Zealand, it is impossible to believe that the people concerned have given disseminated consideration to the subject. They considered the matter, and found that butter-making was necessary and adopting every reasonable means to shake the factory system in manufacture.

It is my opinion that the industry will not be greatly improved until the butter is produced in a pure state, and the price is reduced to the point where it would be of interest to the public.

THE MURRAY RIVER QUESTION.

DISAPPEARING RIGHTS OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

M. H. G. McCAUGHEY writes.—The dispute on the Murray river question of the waters of the River Murray, which was recently initiated in the House of Representatives on a motion of Mr. J. H. McCall, of Victoria, and Mr. J. H. Lance, of New South Wales, has

been decided in favour of the latter, and the bill introduced by Mr. McCall has been withdrawn.

Put a Chinaman in a bind, and he is bound to be "wolly sick." In the hut, he will throw the whole scheme out of gear.

In a hurry to get to them, their course was to take a prominent stand and not wait for the awakening of New South Wales.

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